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This brief contains items under the following headings, and in the order set forth below:

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I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest in this appeal is the following party: EndoVascular Technologies, Inc., 3200 Lakeside Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95054, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Guidant Corporation, 111 Monument Circle, 29th Floor, Indianapolis, IN 46204-5129.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

With respect to other appeals or interferences that will directly effect, or be directly effected by, or have a bearing on the Board's decision on this appeal, it is to be noted that an appeal has been filed in respect of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/637,505 which is an application in the family of applications to which the present matter belongs.

Claim 75 (previously presented): The device of claim 67, further comprising a support device placed within the body.

Claim 76 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein the support device is self-expanding.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The device of claim 67, further comprising a support device placed within the extender.

Claim 78 (previously presented): The device of claim 77, wherein the support device is self-expanding.

Claim 79 (previously presented): The device of claim 67, further comprising radiopaque markers attached to the body.

Claim 80 (previously presented): The device of claim 67, further comprising radiopaque markers attached to the extender.

Claim 81 (previously presented): The device of claim 67, wherein at least one of the first and second legs has an increasing diameter.

Claim 82 (new): The device of claim 67, wherein the bifurcated body is sized to fit an aorto-iliac segment.

IX. EVIDENCE APPENDIX

NONE

X. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

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